

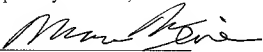
REMARKS

This refers to the Examiner's Amendment of November 17, 2008. The Examiner's Amendment – among other things – inserted the term “comprising” at two points in claim 24. Applicants respectfully request that this be (re)amended as follows: “wherein each valve comprises a burst film and/or ~~comprising~~ comprises a porous hydrophobic insert and/or ~~comprising~~ comprises a hydrophobic inner wall.” Also, Applicants respectfully request that claim 12 be amended to delete a superfluous “each.” No new matter is introduced by the present Amendment. Entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 is earnestly solicited.

If there are questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

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